

GERMANY AND FRANCE MAY FIND A WAY

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REAPPROACHMENT MAY BE SOUGHT

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PARIS, Aug. 21.—A possibility of a direct and friendly understanding between Germany and France, including close economic collaboration, was given serious consideration for the first time today.

Nearly all the important newspapers are discussing suggestions that France seek justice in the reparations crisis through a reapproachment with Germany.

The idea which was launched by German industrialists has been taken up in French business channels.

CASH BONUS IS MOST DESIRED

SALEM, Aug. 21.—A total of \$6,362,311.61 had been disbursed out of the state bonus fund on August 15, according to a statement prepared by Secretary of State Koger today. Of this amount \$4,057,305.84 went to cover applications of 1523 ex-service men for cash bonus payments, and \$2,305,005.77 went to cover 924 applications for bonus loans.

Every county in the state is represented in the distribution of bonus funds and loans have been made in all counties of the state with the exception of Curry, Grant and Jefferson.

Almost one-third of the entire amount so far disbursed from the bonus fund has gone to Multnomah county, according to a table prepared by Koger, which shows that in most of the counties the cash bonus far exceeds the bonus loans. The exceptions to this are found in Deschutes, Gilliam, Klamath, Polk, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler counties in which the bonus loans have proven the most popular.

Ledge of Agate Found On Umatilla River

That ledges of agate exist in the mountains west of La Grande has been known for some time and Eldon Booth of La Grande has at different times brought in very fine specimens. A revival of the agate stories comes with the following from the Pendleton East Oregonian:

A ledge of material of agate of chalcidonic character has been discovered along the Umatilla river in the Thornhill district, according to Major Lee Moorhouse. Clarence Ross in the discovery of the ledge, which is said to be four feet in width.

Some doubt about what the mineral might be has existed and the opinion of lapidaries has been secured. From their report, Major Moorhouse draws the conclusion that the classification of the material as being of chalcidonic character is the correct one. He sent a specimen to Portland and had it cut and polished. The agate is a semi-precious stone and has a considerable commercial value. The specimen is a beautiful one.

Funeral of Late Bethel A. Davis Held Saturday

The funeral services of Bethel A. Davis were held at the St. Bernard and Zimmerman Undertaking Parlors Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. C. H. Ritterhouse, of Baker, Rev. J. W. Norwood, of Boise, Idaho, and Rev. J. H. Lumper officiating.

The floral offerings were many and were beautifully arranged around the casket, all of which bespoke of the sympathy and high esteem of the large number of friends that filled the parlors to overflowing. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Williams rendered some very appropriate music.

The interment was in the family lot in the Masonic cemetery. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community in their sorrow.

Got Seven Point Buck on Fox Hill Near City

More than one family in La Grande is partaking of venison today as a result of the head of the family bagging a nice buck yesterday. Eight deer were brought into town during a few hours yesterday and several more than that were killed. Albert Krouse, Ben Soyes, W. P. Mohr and Harry Mohr all got one piece and a good share of the hunters have not reported or have not returned yet.

PIERCE CLUB IS AT WORK FOR NOMINEE

Tax Reduction is the Issue Brought Forth in the Resolutions Adopted Favoring the La Grande Man.

With about 100 signatures the Pierce-for-Governor club organized Saturday afternoon in the city hall when T. H. Crawford was chosen as president of the club. Miss Collin Bollman, secretary, and Floyd McKennon treasurer. The appeal for members to the Pierce club is not restricted to party for according to Judge Crawford all are welcome regardless of political complexion and all are wanted.

The resolutions adopted at the meeting follow: We, the members of the Union County, Pierce-for-Governor club, view with alarm the rapid increase in the rate of taxation for State, County and Municipal purposes. Already taxation has almost reached the point of confiscation, and many of our tax payers are facing bankruptcy.

We demand an economical, business administration of government affairs, State, County and Municipal, limited to the necessities of good government. We demand that appropriations by the legislature be cut to the bone and limited to the necessities of the state government. We demand that taxes of all kinds be reduced to the lowest possible limit.

We believe that Walter M. Pierce as governor of this state, can and would do much to carry out these demands and reduce the tax burdens from which the people are now suffering.

Do it, therefore resolved that the members of this club will each work and vote for Walter M. Pierce, as governor, at the November election, 1922, and that we will do all in our power to promote and further his election.

Be it further resolved that the officers of this club shall consist of a president, a secretary, and a treasurer, a vice president in every town and city of the county, and an executive committee consisting of the president and ten members composed of five men and five women. It shall be the duty of the Executive committee to direct all of the activities of the club, and to appoint the vice presidents of the several towns and cities.

It shall be the duty of the vice presidents to organize branch clubs in their respective towns and cities and to report their memberships to the secretary of this club for enrollment.

There shall be neither membership fees or dues, but the expense of the club shall be voluntary subscriptions.

CLINT HAD FINE TIME IN EAST

Clint Van Fleet returned to La Grande yesterday having an extended visit in Chicago, Omaha and other middle western points. While on his journey, which lasted about three weeks, Mr. Van Fleet renewed his stock of merchandise.

"The middle west is going to have one of the biggest corn crops for many years," he stated today. "The corn is in the peak of condition and will yield an exceptionally heavy crop. Other crop conditions are very well, also."

In speaking of the heat wave he continues, "I arrived in Chicago just in time to receive full benefit of the heat wave. Hot was no name for it. I left Chicago on Wednesday and on the following day three people died due to the excessive heat. There is nothing better than the old Grande Ronde valley in my estimation and, although I had a fine trip, I am glad to get back."

FRAMING NEW SCALE.

SALT LAKE Aug. 21.—S. V. Platt, general manager of the Oregon Short Line, will meet late today with representatives of the shopmen and allied crafts now in the employ of the Union Pacific with a view to framing a new wage schedule.

FACT FINDING COMMISSION TO BE NAMED

Harding's Message Bring Action on Part of House Member at Washington

COAL FACTS TO BE FERRETTED

Nation to Have Body Which Will Do Nothing But Gather Facts as They Exist About Industry.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Chairman Winslow of the House committee, after a conference today with President Harding announced he would introduce a bill to create a "fact finding" commission as recommended by President Harding in his special message to congress.

Winslow later introduced a bill carrying into effect the President's recommendations for a sweeping government coal investigation.

TURKO-GREEK CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, Aug. 21.—The Allied conference on the Turko-Greek problem will probably be held in some Italian city within six weeks as a result of a note from the British government to the French foreign office today.

The note answered a French communication of August 3rd suggesting a conference in which Turkish and Greek representatives would be admitted on an equal basis.

BULLETINS

WHEAT AT PORTLAND. (By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Aug. 21.—Wheat sold at \$1.02 to \$1.07 today.

KLANSMEN DEMUR. (By Associated Press.) MEDFORD, Aug. 21.—Demurors attacking indictments recently returned by the grand jury here which investigated the Ku Klux Klan were filed by six men indicted and will be argued the first Saturday in September.

LIGHTNER WAS A STOWAWAY. (By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Aug. 21.—David Lightner, apprehended on the steamer Farallon, and taken into custody on a Portland federal narcotics charge, set following his escape at Shanghai, a developed when he landed here today.

If Oregon is Drier Than Elsewhere What About the Elsewhere?

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Calling Oregon "the Sahara of America" Prohibition Commissioner Hayes today declared that after checking up reports from other states there is less liquor and less drunkenness there than in any other state. State Director Linville, in reporting conditions, says there is moonshining which it will take years to completely eradicate, but he is pleased with the progress made.

SCALDED TO DEATH IN A HOT SPRING

Klamath Falls Man Falls Into the "Devil's Tea Kettle" Near Klamath

UNABLE TO GET UP SLICK BANK

Man Suffers in Boiling Water Until Screams Bring Assistance From People Near by.

(By Associated Press.) KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 21.—Frank Albert, aged fifty, died last night from scalds he received when he fell into the "Devil's Tea Kettle" hot spring here yesterday.

Albert lost his footing while filling a barrel with water for household use and plunged into the spring, temperature of which was 197 degrees. He was unable to climb up the slippery bank and had to remain in the water several minutes before his screams brought assistance.

SHERIFF RAIDS BOOTLEGGER

The sheriff's forces made a raid on the Emmons Cigar store and also on the A. R. Emmons residence Saturday evening about twelve o'clock in Union and discovered one half gallon of moonshine in the store and two gallons buried at the residence. According to the sheriff, Emmons poured some liquid out of a pitcher, supposed to be liquor, when the forces entered the establishment.

Emmons was brought to La Grande and appeared before County Judge U. G. Couch this morning at ten o'clock for his arraignment. He waived a hearing and will be tried at ten o'clock tomorrow morning. His bonds were set at \$500, which were arranged for.

Another establishment was raided the same night in Union but no evidence was discovered.

CHECKING IS MADE ON ARMY MEN BY WEEKS

Soldiers to Tell of Experience in Handling Railroad Work

STRIKES SAID TO CAUSE ACT

Secretary Weeks Says There Has Been No Occasion as Yet to Call Army But Will Be Ready for Emergency.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—In order to be fully prepared for any development the war department is rechecking occupational qualifications of enlisted men of the army to make quick action possible in event Federal troops are called upon for duty in the coal or railroad strikes. Corps commands have been instructed to report how many men have experience in railroad work. So far no request for men in connection with either strike has been necessary, but Secretary Weeks said he wished to be prepared for any emergency.

ENGLAND DOES NOT LIKE IDEA

(By Associated Press.) PEKING, Aug. 21.—Grave alarm is felt by the British government throughout Manchuria over Chang-Ho-Lin's attitude to withhold protection of British lives and property held in reprisal for what he calls British contempt of his authority as governor.

POLICE COURT HAS BUSY DAY

The police court had a busy day today and for a few fellows who had fallen by the wayside it was a "blue" Monday. At ten o'clock Judge Robert Eakin took the chair and the dispensing of justice began.

George Kuppel, who went loco and damaged a good share of his furniture Friday evening due to drinking from a mess of fermenting fruit in a zinc bathtub, had been freed on \$25 bonds and was to answer to the charge of disorderly conduct. He forfeited his bonds by non-appearance.

E. Martinez, a Mexican, was next on the roll call and was fined \$10 for being in an intoxicated condition on the streets.

H. J. Hardy, charged with speeding to a fire, was fined \$5.

ROTHCHILD WILL QUIT BUSINESS

Noted North Powder Merchant-Statesman Will Cease Commercial Activities and Take Life Easy.

Herman Rothchild, one of the most progressive and we might say "picturesque" men in this community is planning on retiring from the merchandising field, says the North Powder News. Mr. Rothchild has served in this community not only as a merchant but as mayor, treasurer, and clerk of the local school district. He is a charter member of the local I. O. O. F. lodge and is still a member of that organization.

There are many who will miss the genial smile and hearty handshake of the veteran merchant, should he really leave the community as he is now planning. Many a broken man received his "grubstake" from "Herman" as he is affectionately called by all.

We say he is picturesque because he has been a fixture in the community life so long that one can hardly think of North Powder without thinking of Herman Rothchild. He is also known as the one man who never turned a deaf ear to poverty or distress.

In his active life he at one time was elected to the state legislature, in 1906, being the only democrat and the only Hebrew elected to that body.

His work was that of a progressive and far-seeing man while acting in the capacity of a legislator. He was North Powder's first mayor and served in that capacity for two terms, and then like Washington, refused nomination for a third term.

M. Rothchild was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, where he received an education and also served time in the German army, after which he migrated to this country. He first resided with an uncle in Shelby county, Kentucky, and afterward came west locating and accepting a position with his cousin, Samuel Rothchild, at Pendleton. This was in 1880. In 1885 another cousin, Joseph Barrett, was conducting a general store in North Powder in company with H. O. Gorham, and he became ill. Mr. Rothchild was called to this city to care for the business during the illness of Barrett, but Mr. Barrett was far more ill than was expected and he passed away. Rothchild was planning on selling out the business for the deceased cousin, but friends prevailed upon him to accept a partnership with Mr. Gorham, which he did, and the business was conducted as Gorham & Rothchild since July, 1885. Mr. Rothchild later purchased the Gorham interests, but conducted the store under the original firm name.

About three years ago Mr. Rothchild was afflicted with paralysis and since that time has not been as active in public life as was formerly his custom. Though afflicted with a paralysis limb and arm, the old veteran refused to give up his post as North Powder's pioneer merchant, and with an indomitable will, succeeded in attending to his regular business affairs, conducting his store the same as usual.

However, as the year went by, Mr. Rothchild decided he would like to visit his old home in Europe, where he has numerous relatives who hold high positions in both the commercial and social life of their communities, and who are desirous of having him return again for a visit. With this end in view he is slowly decreasing his stock that he might sell at an opportune moment and be free to go where he may. He is not advertising a sale, nor is he letting his grocery stock run below normal, but he is making some attractive prices on the many things that are staple but have a slow sale.

Just when he will be ready to leave it is hard to say at this time, as he will have a lot of detail work to do in closing up his business, but as stated above he is preparing to sell out and bid Eastern Oregon goodbye.

Tom Mahoney Sees Better Conditions Appearing for the Pacific Northwest

Thomas J. Mahoney, formerly of the Heppner First National bank, then at the head of the Live Stock State bank of Portland but now representing livestock interests of the northwest, was in La Grande this morning on his way to Enterprise to spend the day with Jay Dobbins and other extensive live stock raisers.

"Things are getting a wee bit better," said Mr. Mahoney. "I am certain that the worst is over for live stock interests, although it is not any bed of roses yet. General conditions are improving, which reflects its brightness on a decrease in the live stock business and the growers will be benefited in due time."

Carl R. Gray Keeps Up Strike Conference

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific railroad, and Alfred P. Thom, general counsel for the Association of Railway Presidents, continued today in conference with government officials relative to the railroad strike. Announcement was made to the public that the conference was without special significance.

BONUS SAID TO BE SURE OF PASSING

National Commander of the American Legion Claims No Question About It.

BOTH PARTIES SEEM FAVORABLE

Bill Which Will be Introduced Wednesday Believed to Have Good Chance of Passing Senate This Week

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Hansford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, in a statement issued today, declared that a personal canvass of the bonus situation showed a majority of the senate, including both political parties, pledged for the passage of the bonus bill.

Commander MacNider predicted the bill which the senate will take up Wednesday will pass the senate this week.

MARRIED MEN FAILED TO SHOW

Lure of the Hills Took Players from Diamond to Hunt Deer; Game was Played with Score of 12 to 11.

Apparently the deer and grouse that are supposed to be residing in the hills drew the attention of too many married men yesterday because only two of them made their appearance on the diamond yesterday afternoon to do battle with the single men's team. But the game went on, nevertheless, with the married men finally getting the small end of a 12 to 11 score.

When the umpire was strutting onto the diamond to announce the batteries and start the game only Bob Smith and Childers had arrived so, in order to satisfy the crowd, and not delay the game, a bunch of bachelors were recruited to fill up the team and the conflict was on.

Carroll pitched for the married men with Bill Workman catching. Tools Garrity received for Speed Mervise on the other team. The game was interesting, without a doubt, even the scorekeeper becoming excited. The game was nip and tuck throughout, first one team taking the lead and then the other, but when the ninth inning was concluded the bachelors carried the long end of the score from the field.

A fair crowd was in attendance and the game receipts will be used as a benefit fund.

HIGHWAY CENSUS NOW COMPLETED

The monthly highway census has been completed and still shows a steady increase of vehicles passing over the highways in Eastern Oregon. These figures were taken on August 17 and completed this morning, and they show an increase of travel since July 17 of nineteen per cent.

The number of cars passing at Meacham was 153 for this month and 123 for last month. The slight fall here is accounted for by the work on the roads in that section, which tends to discourage the travelers. At Minam a light decrease was felt also, the figures being 85 for last month and 75 for this month. Between Elgin and Minam 81 passed this month and 80 last month. Between La Grande and Hilyard the figures showed 398 vehicles for this month and only 393 for last month. This was the greatest gain. Between La Grande and Island City 686, 33 of which were horse drawn vehicles, and between La Grande and Hot Lake the traffic registered at 565, 17 being horse drawn vehicles.

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